

high-ranking officials from Justice and Homeland Security—stated that there is no cross-border violence.

This is completely unacceptable. If the Federal Government cannot even define what endangers border citizens, we cannot ensure their safety. H.R. 6368 is simple. It is straightforward. It is a bill that will address this very problem.

It directs the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security to submit a report to Congress on their ability to define, to track, to investigate, and to quantify cross-border, or spillover, violence.

The Departments of Justice and Homeland Security will furthermore report what information and statistics are available and that are at their disposal in order to understand the amount of violence spilling into the United States. The ability to correctly monitor the level of spillover violence occurring across our Nation's borders will allow us to assess the success of our border security policies and to ensure that we have the correct policies in place in order to stop violence, stop drugs and contraband from spilling into the United States.

Lastly, the Departments will recommend to Congress what additional resources are necessary in order to track, quantify, and report on cross-border violence so that Congress can do its part and ensure that our Federal law enforcement agencies have the tools and the data that they need to do their jobs. Congress must be a willing and able partner in the fight against the ruthless Mexican cartels and the violence that they bring into our American communities.

Madam Speaker, the American people deserve to know the capability of their government to address cross-border violence. This bill does not seek to prove that one party is right or that one party is wrong. It simply seeks to find out the ability of the Departments of Justice and Homeland Security to define, to track, and to understand the amount of violence spilling into the United States from Mexico. In order to achieve a secure border, we must be able to correctly gauge the amount of violence that is spilling into the United States, and I believe that this bill is an important first step in that direction.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

H.R. 6368 requires the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security, no later than 180 days after the enactment of this law, to jointly provide a report to Congress on those Departments' abilities to track, investigate, and quantify cross-border violence along our country's southwest border and to provide recommendations to Congress on how to accurately track, investigate, and quantify cross-border violence.

This seems like a good idea, and I note that the bill provides that we will receive budget recommendations along

with the report, as some have suggested, so that we can reduce the size of government with unspecified cuts, but then we are often surprised to see what those cuts are. Tracking, investigating, and responding appropriately to cross-border violence will require personnel and equipment, which obviously will require increases, not cuts, in the budget.

I want to thank the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CANSECO) for his work on the bill. I look forward to the report, and I recommend the bill's passage.

I yield back the balance of my time. Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,  
Washington, DC, September 12, 2012.

Hon. LAMAR SMITH,  
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, Washington, DC.

Dear CHAIRMAN SMITH: I am writing in regards to the jurisdictional interest of the Committee on Homeland Security over provisions in H.R. 6368, which requires the Department of Justice, in consultation with the Department of Homeland Security, to provide a report to Congress on the ability to track, investigate, and quantify cross-border violence along the Southwest Border and provide recommendations to Congress.

I understand the importance of advancing this legislation to the House floor in an expeditious manner. Therefore, the Committee on Homeland Security will discharge H.R. 6368 from further consideration. This action is conditional on our mutual understanding and agreement that doing so will in no way diminish or alter the jurisdiction of the Committee on Homeland Security over the subject matter included in this or similar legislation. I request that you urge the Speaker to appoint members of this Committee to any conference committee for consideration of any provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Homeland Security in the House-Senate conference on this or similar legislation.

I also request that this response and your letter be included in the Committee on the Judiciary report to H.R. 6368 and in the Congressional Record during consideration of this measure on the House floor. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

PETER T. KING,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,  
Washington, DC, September 13, 2012.

Hon. PETER KING,  
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN KING, Thank you for your letter dated September 12, 2012, regarding H.R. 6368, the "Border Security Information Improvement Act of 2012," which was referred to the Judiciary Committee on September 10.

I am most appreciative of your decision to forego consideration of H.R. 6368 so that it may move expeditiously to the House floor. I acknowledge that although you are waiving formal consideration of the bill, the Committee on Homeland Security is in no way waiving its jurisdiction over the subject matter contained in the bill. In addition, if a conference is necessary on this legislation, I will support any request that your committee be represented therein.

Finally, I shall be pleased to include your letter and this letter in the Congressional

Record during floor consideration of H.R. 6368.

Sincerely,

LAMAR SMITH,  
Chairman.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. SCHMIDT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SMITH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6368, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The title was amended so as to read: "A bill to require the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security to provide a joint report to Congress on the Departments' ability to track, investigate and quantify cross-border violence along the Southwest Border and provide recommendations to Congress on how to accurately track, investigate, and quantify cross-border violence."

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 5044, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 5912, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The remaining electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

#### ANDREW P. CARPENTER TAX ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5044) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude from gross income any discharge of indebtedness income on education loans of deceased veterans, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SAM JOHNSON) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 400, nays 0, not voting 29, as follows:

[Roll No. 585]

YEAS—400

Ackerman	Baldwin	Berman
Adams	Barber	Biggart
Aderholt	Barletta	Bilbray
Alexander	Barrow	Bilirakis
Altmire	Bartlett	Bishop (GA)
Amash	Barton (TX)	Bishop (NY)
Amodel	Bass (CA)	Bishop (UT)
Andrews	Bass (NH)	Black
Austria	Becerra	Blackburn
Baca	Benishke	Blumenauer
Bachmann	Berg	Bonamici
Bachus	Berkley	Bonner

Bono Mack	Gibson	McClintock	Scott (SC)	Stutzman	Wasserman	Bishop (NY)	Hall	Pearce
Boren	Gingrey (GA)	McCollum	Scott (VA)	Sullivan	Schultz	Bishop (UT)	Hanabusa	Pence
Boswell	Gohmert	McDermott	Scott, Austin	Sutton	Waters	Black	Hanna	Perlmutter
Boustany	Gonzalez	McGovern	Scott, David	Terry	Watt	Blackburn	Harper	Peterson
Brady (PA)	Goodlatte	McHenry	Sensenbrenner	Thompson (MS)	Waxman	Blumenauer	Harris	Petri
Braley (IA)	Gosar	McIntyre	Serrano	Thompson (PA)	Webster	Bonamici	Hartzler	Pitts
Brooks	Gowdy	McKeon	Sessions	Thornberry	Welch	Bonner	Hastings (WA)	Poe (TX)
Broun (GA)	Graves (GA)	McKinley	Sewell	Tiberi	West	Bono Mack	Hayworth	Pompeo
Brown (FL)	Graves (MO)	McMorris	Sherman	Tierney	Westmoreland	Boren	Heck	Posey
Buchanan	Griffin (AR)	Rodgers	Shimkus	Tipton	Whitfield	Boswell	Heinrich	Price (GA)
Buchson	Griffith (VA)	McNerney	Shuster	Tonko	Wilson (FL)	Boustany	Hensarling	Quayle
Buerkle	Grijalva	Meehan	Simpson	Towns	Wilson (SC)	Braley (IA)	Herger	Quigley
Burgess	Grimm	Meeks	Sires	Turner (NY)	Wittman	Brooks	Herrera Beutler	Rahall
Burton (IN)	Guinta	Mica	Slaughter	Turner (OH)	Wolf	Broun (GA)	Higgins	Reed
Butterfield	Guthrie	Michaud	Smith (NE)	Upton	Womack	Buchanan	Himes	Rehberg
Calvert	Gutierrez	Miller (FL)	Smith (NJ)	Van Hollen	Woodall	Bucshon	Hochul	Reichert
Camp	Hahn	Miller (MI)	Smith (TX)	Velázquez	Woolsey	Buerkle	Holden	Renacci
Canseco	Hall	Miller (NC)	Smith (WA)	Visclosky	Yarmuth	Burgess	Huelskamp	Ribble
Cantor	Hanabusa	Miller, Gary	Southerland	Walberg	Yoder	Burton (IN)	Huizenga (MI)	Richardson
Capito	Hanna	Miller, George	Stark	Walden	Young (AK)	Butterfield	Hultgren	Rigell
Capps	Harper	Moore	Stearns	Walsh (IL)	Young (FL)	Calvert	Hunter	Roby
Capuano	Harris	Moran	Stivers	Walz (MN)	Young (IN)	Camp	Hurt	Roe (TN)
Carnahan	Hartzler	Mulvaney	NOT VOTING—29			Canseco	Israel	Rogers (AL)
Carney	Hastings (FL)	Murphy (CT)	Akin	Green, Gene	Platts	Cantor	Issa	Rogers (KY)
Carson (IN)	Hastings (WA)	Murphy (PA)	Brady (TX)	Herger	Rivera	Capito	Jenkins	Rogers (MI)
Carter	Hayworth	Myrick	Campbell	Hirono	Ross (AR)	Capuano	Johnson (OH)	Rohrabacher
Cassidy	Heck	Nadler	Clarke (MI)	Jackson (IL)	Roybal-Allard	Carnahan	Jones	Rokita
Castor (FL)	Heinrich	Napolitano	Neal	Johnson (IL)	Ryan (WI)	Carney	Jordan	Rooney
Chabot	Hensarling	Neugebauer	Filner	Johnson, Sam	Shuler	Carson (IN)	Keating	Ros-Lehtinen
Chaffetz	Herrera Beutler	Noem	Forbes	Labrador	Speier	Carter	Kelly	Roskam
Chandler	Higgins	Nugent	Gallegly	Lee (CA)	Thompson (CA)	Cassidy	Kind	Ross (FL)
Chu	Himes	Nunes	Granger	Lynch	Tsongas	Castor (FL)	King (IA)	Rothman (NJ)
Cicilline	Hinches	Nunnelee	Green, Al	□ 1849			King (NY)	Royce
Clarke (NY)	Hinojosa	Olson	Mrs. ELLMERS changed her vote			Chabot	Kingston	Runyan
Clay	Hochul	Oliver	from “nay” to “yea.”			Chaffetz	Kinzinger (IL)	Ruppersberger
Cleaver	Holden	Owens	So (two-thirds being in the affirma-			Chandler	Kissell	Ryan (OH)
Clyburn	Holt	Palazzo	tive) the rules were suspended and the			Chu	Kline	Sánchez, Linda
Coble	Honda	Pallone	bill, as amended, was passed.			Cicilline	Kucinich	T.
Coffman (CO)	Hoyer	Pascarell	The result of the vote was announced			Coble	Lamborn	Sanchez, Loretta
Cohen	Huelskamp	Pastor (AZ)	as above recorded.			Coffman (CO)	Lance	Scalise
Cole	Huizenga (MI)	Paul	A motion to reconsider was laid on			Cole	Landry	Schiff
Conaway	Hultgren	Paulsen	the table.			Conaway	Langevin	Schilling
Connolly (VA)	Hunter	Pearce	Stated for:			Costa	Lankford	Schmidt
Conyers	Hurt	Pelosi	Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam			Costello	Latham	Schock
Cooper	Israel	Pence	Speaker, on rollcall No. 585, had I been			Cravaack	LaTourette	Schrader
Costa	Issa	Perlmutter	present, I would have voted “yea.”			Crawford	Latta	Schweikert
Costello	Jackson Lee	Peters	Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, on rollcall			Crenshaw	Lipinski	Scott (SC)
Courtney	(TX)	Peterson	585, I was away from the Capitol due to prior			Critz	LoBiondo	Scott, Austin
Cravaack	Jenkins	Petri	commitments to my constituents. Had I been			Cuellar	Loeb sack	Sensenbrenner
Crawford	Johnson (GA)	Pingree (ME)	present, I would have voted “yea.”			Culberson	Lofgren, Zoe	Sessions
Crenshaw	Johnson (OH)	Pitts	PROHIBITING USE OF PRESI-			Cummings	Long	Sewell
Critz	Johnson, E. B.	Poe (TX)	DENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN			Davis (CA)	Lowey	Sherman
Crowley	Jones	Polis	FUNDS FOR PARTY CONVEN-			DeFazio	Lucas	Shimkus
Cuellar	Jordan	Pompeo	TIONS			Denham	Luetkemeyer	Shuster
Culberson	Kaptur	Posey	The SPEAKER pro tempore. The un-			Dent	Lummis	Simpson
Cummings	Keating	Price (GA)	finished business is the vote on the mo-			DesJarlais	Lungren, Daniel	Slaughter
Davis (CA)	Kelly	Price (NC)	tion to suspend the rules and pass the			Diaz-Balart	E.	Smith (NE)
Davis (IL)	Kildee	Quayle	bill (H.R. 5912) to amend the Internal			Dicks	Mack	Smith (NJ)
DeFazio	Kind	Quigley	Revenue Code of 1986 to prohibit the			Doggett	Maloney	Smith (TX)
DeGette	King (IA)	Rahall	use of public funds for political party			Dold	Manzullo	Southerland
Denham	King (NY)	Rangel	conventions, and to provide for the re-			Donnelly (IN)	Marchant	Stearns
Dent	Kingston	Reed	turn of previously distributed funds for			Dreier	Marino	Stivers
DesJarlais	Kinzinger (IL)	Rehberg	deficit reduction, as amended, on which			Duffy	Matheson	Stutzman
Deutch	Kissell	Reichert	the yeas and nays were ordered.			Duncan (SC)	McCarthy (CA)	Sullivan
Diaz-Balart	Kline	Renacci	The Clerk read the title of the bill.			Duncan (TN)	McCarthy (NY)	Sutton
Dicks	Kucinich	Reyes	The question is on the motion offered by			Ellmers	McCaul	Terry
Dingell	Lamborn	Ribble	the gentleman from California (Mr.			Emerson	McClintock	Thompson (PA)
Doggett	Lance	Richardson	DANIEL E. LUNGREN) that the House			Farenthold	McHenry	Thornberry
Dold	Landry	Richmond	suspend the rules and pass the bill, as			Fincher	McIntyre	Tierney
Donnelly (IN)	Langevin	Rigell	amended.			Fitzpatrick	McKeon	Tipton
Doyle	Lankford	Rohrabacher	This is a 5-minute vote.			Flake	McKinley	Tonko
Dreier	Larsen (WA)	Rokita	The vote was taken by electronic de-			Fleischmann	McMorris	Turner (NY)
Duffy	Larson (CT)	Rooney	vice, and there were—yeas 310, nays 95,			Fleming	Rodgers	Turner (OH)
Duncan (SC)	Latham	Ros-Lehtinen	not voting 24, as follows:			Flores	McNerney	Upton
Duncan (TN)	LaTourette	Roskam	[Roll No. 586]			Fortenberry	Meehan	Walberg
Edwards	Latta	Ross (FL)	YEAS—310			Fox	Mica	Walden
Ellison	Levin	Rothman (NJ)	Adams			Fox	Michaud	Walsh (IL)
Ellmers	Lewis (CA)	Royce	Bachus			Franks (AZ)	Miller (FL)	Walsh (IL)
Emerson	Lewis (GA)	Runyan	Baldwin			Frelinghuysen	Miller (MI)	Walz (MN)
Engel	Lipinski	Ruppersberger	Barber			Garamendi	Miller, Gary	Waxman
Eshoo	LoBiondo	Rush	Barletta			Gardner	Miller, George	Webster
Farenthold	Loeb sack	Sánchez, Linda	Barrow			Garrett	Moran	Welch
Farr	Lofgren, Zoe	T.	Bartlett			Gerlach	Mulvaney	West
Fattah	Long	Sanchez, Loretta	Barton (TX)			Gibbs	Murphy (CT)	Westmoreland
Fincher	Lowey	Sarbanes	Bass (NH)			Gibson	Murphy (PA)	Whitfield
Fincher	Lucas	Scalise	Benishek			Flake	Nunes	Wilson (FL)
Flake	Lucas	Schakowsky	Berg			Fleming	Nunnelee	Wilson (SC)
Fleischmann	Lujan	Schiff	Berkley			Flores	Olson	Wittman
Fleming	Lummis	Schilling	Berman			Fortenberry	Owens	Wolf
Flores	Lungren, Daniel	Schmidt	Biggart			Fox	Palazzo	Womack
Fortenberry	E.	Schock	Billbray			Franks (AZ)	Pastor (AZ)	Woodall
Fox	Mack	Schrader	Bilirakis			Garamendi	Paul	Woolsey
Frank (MA)	Manzullo	Schwartz	Bishop (GA)			Gardner	Paulsen	Yoder
Franks (AZ)	Marchant	Schweikert				Gerlach		Young (AK)
Frelinghuysen	Marino					Gibbs		Young (FL)
Fudge	Markay							Young (IN)
Garamendi	Matheson							
Gardner	Matsui							
Garrett	McCarthy (CA)							
Gerlach	McCarthy (NY)							
Gibbs	McCaul							